Cooperation in Nuclear Science with Russia

2937. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Russia have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to expand their cooperation in the area of nuclear physics;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what have been the other priority areas of bilateral cooperation which have been identified as thrust areas of Indo-Russian cooperation and have figured in discussions with the Russian Government.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) and (b) No Sir, no agreement has been recently signed between India and Russia to expand cooperation in the field of nuclear physics.

(c) It has been agreed to continue bilateral cooperation in the following thrust areas of Science & Technology: (1) Biotechnology and Immunology; (2) Materials Science and Technology; (3) Materials and Technology for Electronics; (4) Laser Science & Technology; (5) Catalysis; (6) Space Science & Technology; (7) Physical, Technology and Applications of Accelerator; (8) Water Technology; (9) Computer & Electronics; (10) Biomedical Science & Technology; (11) Radioelectronics; (12) Ocean Science and Technology. In additon, an MoU for cooperation in Science and Technology has been signed between the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India and Russian Research Centre (Kurchatov Institute) of Russian Federation to develop further cooperation in the field of prospective technologies for cooperation in advanced fields of science and technology.

Removal of Director's Name as Publisher of NISCOM Journals

2938. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the name of the Director, as the Printer and Publisher of the research journals, are removed from all the journals (Monthly